

April 2012

President's Message



Chris Cooke

As I am writing this message, it is dumping rain and the forecast for the weekend is for more rain. In short, winter finally decided to arrive, just in time to mess up our spring tennis. Regardless, the Club and our mindless pursuit of fuzzy yellow balls continues. We have some tennis and social events planned for this April, which **Tom Middlemass** and **Jane Percy** can tell you about in detail (see the Tennis and Social Activities articles). Suffice it to say, our St. Paddy's Day Mixed Team Tennis event will be held later this month (weather permitting). Several teams are beginning their league play this month, and the Men's tournament continues 2nd round play. Congratulations to Tom, the Tennis Events Committee and **Riaz** for starting the Men's Singles Tournament last month. We had excellent participation in the Men's Tournament which is officially called, "The Gentlemen's Championship" (you get one guess which ex-pat Brit thought up the fancy title.) I could say that I participated, but that might imply that my performance against **Rick Soss** constituted tennis and I don't want to mislead anyone (by the way, thanks Rick for those two games, I really appreciated that.)

Upcoming Events

•
**Men's Singles Tournament
 Open Quarter Finals**
 Saturday, April 14th 12:00-2:00 pm

•
Quarterly Membership Meeting
 Tuesday, April 17th 6:30 pm

•
Team Tennis
 Saturday, April 21st

•
Member Wrap Party
 Saturday, April 21st 2:30 pm

•
**Men's Singles Tournament
 Open & 3.5 Semi's and Finals**
 Saturday/Sunday, May 12th/13th

I do want to put in a plug for the Members Quarterly meeting, which will be on Tuesday, April 17th. We intend to circulate an agenda in advance of the meeting, so that you can all know what will be discussed (thanks to all who suggested this idea). The sneak preview is that we will be discussing the club's finances, ideas for future improvements, including input from **Rob Adams** and **Phil Zlatunich**, who have been studying and discussing ideas for club maintenance and capital improvements. Please stop by as we value your input and attendance. I promise not to use any more than 99 slides in my PowerPoint presentation, with no more than 8 bullet points on each slide.

Also, I would like to add a short reminder about the rules concerning Juniors' access to

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the club after hours. All Juniors (under 18 years) must be accompanied by their parents or another adult member after hours. The primary reason for this is to spoil teenagers' fun by butting in on their social lives, but secondarily, we want to limit the club's liability in case of any unfortunate event and, more importantly, to ensure that nothing happens to our sons and daughters when they are enjoying the club. If you have any questions about these rules, just ask me, or Lona or one of the other board members. I will see you on the courts.

Editor's Note



Jeff Tateosian

Congratulations to **George & Thelma Kromhout** and **Harvey & Kathleen Small** for celebrating their 55th & 45th year anniversary (respectively) at the PTC. That's 100 years of PTC pride!

Be sure to check out the story on **Anthony (Paz) & Jennifer (Ellison)** at the end of the Drop Shot. We all know Anthony as the owner of everyone's favorite tennis shop, but you might find an interesting perspective from what it's like living right next to the club.

Manager's Corner



Lona Means

The new 2012 rosters are here. Please stop by my office or pick one up in the snack bar. Thank you to **Dennis Mayer** for doing such a great job!

Please remember club keys are the responsibility of the member and must be kept in a secure place where children do not have access. Due to safety and liability concerns, children are never permitted on club premises after 5:00 pm without an adult member present.

Are you missing a lost water bottle, sweat-shirt, sunglasses or whatever? The lost & found closet is next to the boy's locker room.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything I can help you with (347-1439 or manager@ptctennis.com).

Happy Tennis!

Club News

Club Anniversaries for April (5+ years)
Congratulations to the following members:

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| George & Thelma Kromhout | 55 Years |
| Harvey & Kathleen Small | 45 Years |
| Kay & Larry Coskey | 5 Years |

Tennis Activities News



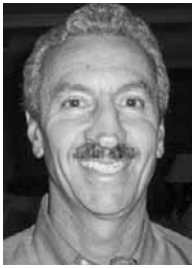
Tom Middlemass

We are off to a successful start of tennis events with the Men's Singles Championship now in full flight. The first round held on March 10th was an excellent afternoon of intra-club competition. The next main draw round was held on April 1st and delivered some great matches. April 14th will be "Super Saturday" with Men's Open Quarterfinals action. That will be must see tennis so please come by and watch the action.

Rain, Rain Go Away! Ok, we did also have our first casualty of the year with the rain-out of the Saint Paddy's Day Mixed Team Tennis event. However, the event will get a second life on April 21st where it will magically become the Spring Fling Mixed Team Tennis event. We will keep the teams intact, change the theme, and off we go. Because of the schedule change we now have some openings for additional players. So please email **Lona** if you are interested in playing. We may still have room.

Lastly, be sure to visit PTC's Facebook page for Tennis & Social events information; pictures; and more. Cheers.

Membership News



Mike Amaroli

Hello PTC friends. Great to see so much activity at the Club, even with the much needed rain. Speaking of activity, let's all welcome the Voorhis family to PTC. **Grace Voorhis** is our newest member, along with her husband **Steve** and three children, **Robby** (2001), **Harry**

(2004) and **Anna** (2008). Not one to waste time, Grace is already signed up for the Ladies 4.0 Team. Steve hails from New York but fell in love with the Bay Area while attending Stanford. Grace was raised in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Both Grace and Steve have worked in the Finance Industry as well as volunteering their time with several organizations. Rumor has it Steve has not been playing much tennis...but maybe we can get him out there from time to time, I heard he is a very good athlete. Robby and Harry have been taking summer tennis programs and Anna can't wait to beat her brothers!

Thank you to Sponsor, **Kirsten Gray** and Seconder, **Mei Chen**...we greatly appreciate your efforts! We currently have one family in the approval process and several other families very close to submitting applications.



House & Grounds News



Phil Zlatunich

Spring has arrived and along with it a renewed enthusiasm among the PTC membership. We've seen a dramatic increase in club play lately. Everyone seems to be working hard to perfect their "weapon of choice" for the upcoming USTA league season. That being said, please

take time to retrieve any tennis balls that you power into the bushes, pool or neighboring yards while perfecting that killer stroke! As a reminder, please do not use the ball machine in wet or damp conditions, as it will not operate if the tennis balls are wet.

Several weeks ago, club members were playing on court #4 when an egg was thrown over the fence from the parking lot smashing onto the court. Luckily the members were not hit. The broken egg was cleaned up before it could stain the court. Please be sure to report any unusual incidents you may experience to **Lona** immediately so that these types of situations can be monitored.

Social Events News



Jane Pearcy

Blimey! My Irish eyes weren't smiling when those Irish rains washed away our St. Paddy's Day tennis and celebration. So, we'll look forward to our next event: a Wrap Party following Team Tennis on Saturday, April 21st at 2:30. All members are invited to

attend. We'll welcome spring with some delicious appetizers, drinks and socializing. Sign up in the clubhouse or contact **Lona** at manager@ptctennis.com or 347-1439. The cost to attend will be \$5.00 per person.

Director of Tennis News



Riaz Shivji USPTA

ADULT TENNIS

The Women's 3.0 Team led by **Kristen Nisewaner** and **Kathleen Egan** are two sessions into my Doubles Play Book course. The ladies have worked on court position, moving as a team and rapid fire net play.

This month we will focus on serving/receiving strategies along with net player positions and communicating set plays.

The Women's 3.5 team will be starting the Doubles Play Book course this April and into May. Looking forward to getting the team up and running and working together.

Men's Singles

Don't forget to come out and watch the great Men's Singles matches that are lined up to be played on the dates below.

April 14th – Open Quarter Finals

May 11th/12th – Open and 3.5 Semi's & Finals

Team Tennis

We are still in need of a few alternates for the Team Tennis event now scheduled for April 21st. If you would like to play please contact me or **Lona** right away.

Indian Wells

BNP Paribas Open at Indian Wells was a blast again! My main goal as I visit each year is to observe, record by photo and video the many players practicing and enjoy the sights and sounds of the event with friends and fellow tennis enthusiasts. This year owner Larry Ellison has made many upgrades to the event site which make it very player and fan friendly. The highlight for me was sitting in the BNP Paribas Luxury Suite (thanks **Erik van Dillen**) while watching Roger Federer and talking at length with 91 year old Welby Van Horn, 1939 US National Singles Finalist and coach of Charlie Pasarell, about the game in his era and the game now. What amazing stories! Already booked my plans for next year!

JUNIOR TENNIS

The RS Academy Spring Program got off to an excellent start the week of March 19th! The weather has cooperated and plenty of Juniors have been out on the courts working on skills and loving the game! It's not too late to register online at www.rstennis.com.

USTA Play Day

Peninsula Tennis Club has partnered with Norcal USTA to host a free QuickStart Play Day on Saturday, April 14th for local youngsters ages 5–10. This is a free play day for new players to the game and will incorporate the USTA QuickStart format that we use here in our Junior Program. If you are interested in signing up your youngster, please visit the Norcal USTA website and or check for info on local Channel 7. Local families will be able to bring their children to the club for this free Play Day and also see what our club has to offer. We are hoping to attract tennis loving families and bring people in to see our lovely club.

Summer Membership

For those of you who know families whose children may be interested in a PTC Summer Membership, they can download the application form on our website at www.rstennis.com. Click on the Summer Membership tab, then download form before sending in to me here at the club. Details below:

Summer Membership Program

- 30 Summer Memberships available to Juniors.
- Peninsula Tennis Club Membership fee is \$325.
- Juniors must be at least 10 years old
- Summer Membership Hours: 12–5 pm M–F
- Tennis Programs also for children 5–10 years
- You must be registered for 2 weeks of the RS Academy Tennis Camp to be eligible for membership.
- Sessions run weekly – June 11th – Aug 10th.
- Summer Membership Juniors can use club facilities like the back courts, pool, snack bar, Junior locker rooms and Junior lounge.

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Summer Camp Registration

RS Tennis Academy 2012 Summer Camp registration is up and running on our website at www.rstennis.com. Weekly clinics are offered in QuickStart 10 and Under Tennis, STAR, Jr. Academy 1, 2 and 3. The Summer Program will begin with Opening Junior Day on Monday, June 11th, 1:30–5:00 pm. We will offer 9, one week sessions in each level running through the 10th of August. Please check out the website and register your Juniors while there are still spots available!

QuickStart

Monday–Friday,
1:30–2:30 pm and/or 2:30–3:30 pm

10 & Under Tennis – Monday–Friday,
1:30–2:30 pm and/or 2:30–3:30 pm

STAR

Monday–Friday,
1:30–2:30 and/or 2:30–3:30 pm

Jr. Academy 1, 2 and 3 – Monday–Friday,
3:30–5:30 pm

Junior Team Tennis

Our Junior teams will play in the USTA Team Tennis League this summer. Matches will begin the second week of June and will run until the beginning of August. Once again, we plan to have teams for Boys and Girls U12, U15 and U18. The season will run for 6 weeks with the Championships being held in Clovis/Fresno the weekend of August 3–5. Players enrolled in Jr. Academy 1, 2 and 3 are eligible to play on the teams. Should be another fantastic experience for our Juniors to work together and strive towards team goals.

Upcoming Junior Events:

May 19–20th – PTC USTA Junior
Novice/Challenger Tournament

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Member Profile

Our member spotlight this month takes us just beyond court #3. It was no accident that **Anthony Paz & Jennifer Ellison** purchased the house sharing a fence with the PTC. A fanatic when it comes to tennis, Anthony would not be denied this house, even when they were one of three bids at the same price. He actually wrote a letter to the seller conveying their emotional connection to the club. Somehow it worked and they were able to move into their dream house.

Anthony joined the club six years ago as a 5.0 player. He opened up Tennis Station, Burlingame's only tennis store, in 2004. Located at 706 Carolan Avenue (next to the BHS football field), it is a full service tennis shop, complete with all the top names in racquets, shoes, apparel and accessories (see special member offer below). With club members, **Joni Amaroli** and **Jane Percy** keeping Anthony in line at the store, it seems like there are always friendly PTC faces at the tennis shop. Speaking of friendly faces, a couple of nice looking women came into the store five years ago and after a give & take tennis dialogue, one of the gals challenged Anthony to play doubles with her. Like most single men, he accepted. While playing alongside of her (and on their very first point mind you), she pushed him out of the way and hit a winning volley. He said it was love at first sight. If you haven't guessed by now, it was Jennifer. They have been together ever since.

Jennifer has been a partner at Bingham, Osbourne & Scarborough for fifteen years. Anthony is proud to share that she made the Barron's List of Top 100 Financial Advisors. In 2010, they became a family with the birth of their son, **Ryan**. He's an "outdoor" kid, who loves it when Dad chases him around the yard. When not running from Anthony, Ryan is hitting tennis balls with his 19" Nadal Babolat racquet. There's that "fanatic" word again.

Anthony's hobbies are poker (club members continue to thank him for playing), playing guitar (acoustic guitar guru **Phil Zlatunich** actually gives him high marks), and the challenge of golf. He currently has an 18 handicap, and is determined to improve on that quickly. Anthony has been playing tennis for 35 years. In his six years at the club, he

has won the following club tournaments: van Dillen Doubles Championship once (2nd place 3 times), Calcutta once, and the Men's Singles Championship four out of the last five years. Jennifer picked up the game later in life and is playing at a very steady 3.5 level. They make a very formidable team.

Asked about living next to the club, Anthony says he loves it. He is one of the few people who professes that the sound of balls banging on the courts is music to his ears. He can always tell the type of players on the court based on the pop between hits. They often find tennis balls on their side of their fence, yet surprisingly no racquets (you're not trying hard enough **Mr. Adams**). Ryan has grown up a little confused as he keeps finding these large yellow Easter (tennis) eggs lying around the yard every weekend.



Probably the only negative part of looking out at the courts from his bedroom is hearing late night visitors to the club. Members don't always understand that voices really carry after 10:00 pm. Your editor is one of three long-time neighborhood club members on call for late night contact/emergencies for the club. Anthony has made a few concerned calls, more about security than noise. Besides late night parties, we often run across both member teenagers as well as many non-members doing what teenagers often do. (Editor's note: it's a difficult task to break up hot tub parties filled with bikini clad women, but someone has to do it). It is great for the club to have a couple of sets of eyes & ears monitoring the club during the late nights.

In closing, Anthony appreciates the high level of patronage at the Tennis Station from PTC. As a thank you, he is offering all club members a new grip (\$10 value) with any racquet stringing during the month of April. This is for member's racquets only and ends on April 30th. We appreciate his offer and thank him for the many prize donations that he has given the club over the last six years. Anthony & Jennifer are just another example of why our members make PTC the best kept secret on the Peninsula.

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Dick Foster with his amazing backhand.



Mike Amaroli introducing new applicant to Kenny, Lona & husband Gary.



Joan Stone with daughters Caitlin & Rorie



Marissa & Nancy planning another PTC event.



Marci, Jane, Lani, Teri



Kristin & Debbie Oldham



Bave Barrows with sons Brendan & Gordon



Bob & Rob comparing past athletic injuries (Rob leads by 4)



Don & Marty friendly before their grudge match.



Laura & Joan talk about the good old days at BHS.

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| Peninsula Tennis Club ~ Court Calendar | | Apr 2012 (Pacific Time) | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|---|--|-----|---------------------------|--|
| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 1 12pm - Men's 5:30pm - Women's | 2 6pm - Women's 3.5 | 3 6pm - Men's 3.0 | 4 9am - SFPTL Courts 6pm - Women's 4.0 | 5 | 6 | 7 1pm - Women's 3.0 |
| 8 | 9 6pm - Women's 3.0 | 10 6pm - Men's 3.5 | 11 6pm - Men's 5.0 | 12 | 13 5:30pm - Ladies 3.5 | 14 12pm - Men's 2:30pm - USTA 10 |
| 15 1pm - Women's 4.0 4:30pm - Women's | 16 6pm - Women's 3.0 | 17 6pm - Men's 3.5 6:30pm - Quarterly | 18 9am - SFPTL 6pm - Women's 7.0 | 19 | 20 | 21 8am - Spring Team |
| 22 1pm - Men's 4.0 | 23 | 24 | 25 6pm - Women's 3.5 | 26 | 27 | 28 1pm - Women's 4.0 |
| 29 | 30 6pm - Women's 7.0 | 1 6pm - Men's 3.5 | 2 6pm - Men's 4.5 | 3 | 4 | 5 1pm - Men's 4.0 |